(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce more flights by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c): There is no proposal at present to introduce more flights between Delhi and Bhubaneswar by Indian Airlines. Private domestic scheduled airlines are free to operate to any of the specified airports, including Bhubaneswar.

Representation against I.T.D.C. Chief

*309. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum from the Association of Officers/workers of India Tourism Development Corporation regarding action against the top management of I.T.D.C. in regard to irregularities by the vigilance Department; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Memoranda have been received from Officers' Associations/Workers' Unions complaining against the functioning of Vigilance Division. The major issues raised therein pertain to:

— Vigilance Head should not look after the functioning of Security Division.

— Favouritism/victimisation of officers.

— Misuse of official position for personal gains.

The matter has been examined. It is on the specific recommendations of Central Vigilance Commission that the Security Division has been placed under the supervision of the Head of the Vigilance Division. Suitable action is taken after examination on other complaints.

Increase in Havala Trade

*310. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an abnormal hike in the volume of havala trade in the country as reported in the 'Times of India' (Business Times), New Delhi on January 21, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether there is also a large-scale involvement of financial institutions like banks etc. in such illegal transactions;

(d) what are the details of cases which have come to Govt.'s notice about the detection of FERA violation/contraventions in each of the Metropolitan cities, viz. Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and Bangalore during each of the last three years and so far in 1995; and

(e) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to put an end to such illegal transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Though cases of violation of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA) continue to be reported, some success has been achieved in curbing such violation. Foreign Exchange is now flowing through official channels to a much larger extent than was the case hitherto.